

## NEWS RELEASE

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### "West Point Society Supports Students in Affordable Housing Community"



**Richmond RHA students & WPS Richmond**

Hampton, VA – On January 19, 2013, the West Point Center for Leadership and Diversity in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), a part of the United States Military Academy at West Point Mathematics Department, will work with 40 middle school students



**Norfolk RHA students, USMA & WPS Richmond**

residing in low-income communities operated by Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority and CCDC Fox Hill. Not only is West Point world renowned for its honor code and leadership training, it is also the oldest Engineering school in the nation. The mobile STEM program is designed to inspire under-represented youth to embrace the world of science, tech, engineering and math and share West Point's competencies with students who might not otherwise be aware of the career opportunities in those areas. The workshop will challenge the students through friendly



**General Trainor, USMA Dean, addressing Detroit students**

competition with "robots," using the new problem solving, communication, engineering and leadership skills they will learn. The camp-like setting immerses the students in a variety of hands-on activities, such as building and programming robots. Parents are encouraged to attend and watch the event, which will be conducted in the Fox Hill Community Center at 200 Ranalet Dr, Hampton, VA starting at 8:30 AM and ending at 3:30 PM with a STEM opportunities presentation and graduation ceremony. The community is also invited to support the students' enhanced awareness and interest in STEM activities through mentorship and one-on-one engagement

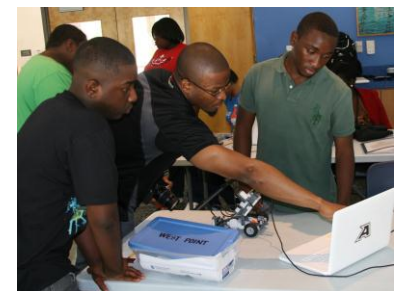


**Detroit, Michigan student examines Robot**

to sustain learning activities subsequent to the workshop. Information about community support opportunities will be presented at the conclusion of the workshop by Dr. Outing and the West Point team from the West Point Math Department. The STEM Workshop is the third of its kind in Virginia and was also hosted by the West Point Society of Richmond in June 2012, with outstanding success.

Community members supporting the event include retired

general officer Wallace Arnold, a director at Hampton University and retired general officer Bruce Davis, a technology subject matter expert with the Wyle Corp, who are coordinating the participation of other service organizations like the ROCKs, Boys' and Girls' Club, Alpha Phi Alpha, Big Brothers- Big Sisters, the 100 Concerned Black Men, Rotary Clubs, other fraternities and sororities to engage with and sustain learning activities of the students after the workshop.



**Norfolk, VA students receive instruction from Dr. Kendall Williams, USMA professor**